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PATENT
V. Pannall

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hutter et al

Serial No. 09/276,780

Filed: March 25, 1999

For:

(attorney docket: TI-27203)

Group Art Unit: 2825

Examiner: Luu, C.

Merged Bipolar and CMOS Circuit And Method

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

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In response to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2000, reconsideration of the current rejection and favorable action in the current application are respectfully requested. A petition for an extension of time for a one (1) month extension is also submitted herewith.

Claims 1 through 11 are pending in the present application, with claims 6 through 11 having been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner after Applicants' election of Group II (i.e., claims 1 through 5). Claims 1 through 5 are responded to in the subject Office Action, and the Office Action rejects each of those claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). In the present response, claims 4 and 5 are amended and claims 6 through 11 are cancelled without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application thereon.